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SCOTT B. MACKENZIE, TREASURER
FREEDOM'S DEFENSE FUND
2776 S ARLINGTON MILL DR, #806
ARLINGTON, VA 22206

Response Due Date
05/26/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00401786

REFERENCE: 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/16/2014 - 11/24/2014)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(f)) and 11 CFR §§110.1(d) and 110.2(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal

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elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing

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and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1393.

Sincerely,



Paul Stoetzer
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Freedom's Defense Fund (C00401786)**

Excessive Contributions from Individuals

Contributor Name	Date	Amount		Report
CAPT TATNALL LEA HILLMAN 816	3/17/14	\$5,000.00		2014 April Quarterly Report
CAPT TATNALL LEA HILLMAN 816 USNR (RET.	10/23/14	\$5,000.00		2014 30 Day Post-General Report

Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
DR CHARLES 'TREY' THOMAS III FOR CONGRESS	8/1/14	\$3,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly
DR CHARLES 'TREY' THOMAS III FOR CONGRESS	9/1/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly
DR CHARLES 'TREY' THOMAS III FOR CONGRESS	10/16/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 30 Day Post-General Report
CLINT DIDIER FOR CONGRESS	7/30/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly Report
CLINT DIDIER FOR CONGRESS	9/1/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly Report
CLINT DIDIER FOR CONGRESS	10/22/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly Report
MARILINDA GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	8/19/14	\$5,000.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly Report
MARLINDA GARCIA	10/22/14	\$5,000.00	G2014	2014 30 Day Post-General Report